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Group No.

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Examiner

Tonia L. Meonske

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NONCOMPLIANT AMENDMENT

In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed July 27, 2006, Applicant requests that the attached SUBSTITUTE PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT FOR RCE be substituted for the PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT FOR RCE filed May 11, 2006.

If any issues arise, or if the Examiner has any suggestions for expediting allowance of this Application, the Applicant respectfully invites the Examiner to contact the undersigned at the telephone number indicated below or at *dvenglarik@munckbutrus.com*.

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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees connected with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0208.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF MAILING BY FIRST CLASS MAIL

Sir:

The undersigned hereby certifies that the following documents:

- 1. Response to Notice of Noncompliant Amendment;
- 2. Substitute Preliminary Amendment for RCE; and
- 3. A postcard receipt

relating to the above application, were deposited as "First Class Mail" with the United States Postal Service, addressed to Mail Stop Amendment, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on August 28, 2006.

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Sir:

SUBSTITUTE PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT FOR RCE

In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed July 27, 2006, please withdraw the PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT FOR RCE filed May 11, 2006 and substitute this paper therefor.

Prior to examination pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.114, please amend the above-identified application as follows: